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Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2007 4:13 PM
To: GOV - EXECUTIVE JUNEAU
Subject: FW: Other

FYI.

-Michelle

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2007 12:52 AM

To: governor@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Sybil Davis DeRoux

address: 836 Calhoun Avenue Juneau AK 99801

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor's Office,

I am currently in Istanbul, Turkey teaching English but we (my husband Ken DeRoux and I) will return to Juneau July 1st to sell our house. Our house is located about a 3 min. walk from the Governor's Mansion at 836 Calhoun Avenue. I wanted your office to know we plan to sell our house this summer. I am not advertising it; only via word of mouth.

If you know anyone in your office that is interested, please do not hesitate to email me.

My friends (many Democrats!) are praising your work! It is wonderful to have you, a woman, in such a prestigious office!!! I will share information about you with my Upper Level Business Students here.

Thank you,

Sybil Davis

sybilfromalaska@hotmail.com

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To: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); 'mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us'; 'john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us'
Subject: FYI - Mat Su Sport Fishery

Bruce Knowles from Mat_Su Fish Advisory insists Yetna, Fish Creek escapements are being ignored by F & G.

He wants this addressed. He insists F & G is "all Comm fish". They're very concerned.

He's threatening, or promising: "Emergency petition for escapement goals will be submitted for the April 16 meeting (B of F), in the next couple of days."

This is also coming from Wayne Ross, evidently. (Per Mr. Knowles.)

Just got off the phone with him. He's ticked.

FYI - phone call I made to him was a courtesy to Wayne Ross - and the phone call didn't go very well.

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Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Diversity and the Daily News

Governor,

The information below is an FYI for you, especially since you may be meeting with Dr. Patterson this Friday. Kris and I can brief you further, but I forwarded the information below to Julia O'Malley this afternoon following a conversation that I had with her regarding diversity in your administration.

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Julia:

Just to review what you and I spoke about regarding the diversity of this administration. This administration is incredibly diverse, and with only three months under our belt, promises to grow in diversity as we fill positions throughout the state.

More specifically in the context of this story, Kris Perry, the Anchorage Office Director, and the Palin Administration quite frankly, have a great relationship with the NAACP and its president – and has had an open dialogue for some time now.

With regard to the Alaska Black Leadership Conference, Kris Perry has spoken with Dr. Patterson in the past, and, in fact, just spoke with Dr. Patterson yesterday, who asked for an update on the letter he sent just last week, requesting a meeting with the Governor. Kris is working on the timing of that meeting. Kris told Dr. Patterson that she hoped to have a look at the Governor's schedule by tomorrow. The Governor's schedule, as you can imagine, is incredibly booked for time, especially over the next month. Dr. Patterson would like to meet in Anchorage which makes it more difficult during the legislative session, as the Governor spends most of her time in Juneau.

Dr. Patterson told Kris yesterday that he wants, and others on the Alaska Black Leadership Council, want the meeting to be a town hall meeting to celebrate Alaska's first female Governor. As you pointed out, obviously the tone of the letter and conversations we've had far differ from the one conversation that you relayed to me.

In terms of diversity, this administration does not begin its hiring process by segregating applications according to ethnic / racial / gender backgrounds; however, we do make a conscious effort, among qualified applicants, to ensure a diverse make-up, and that includes regional and issue balances as well. In fact, during early review of applications, we don't even know who is applying. We don't ask for pictures to be included and we're not going to; we look at the content and qualifications of that resume and application. With that in mind, there is nothing that prohibits every single one of those qualified applicants to be a minority.

Choosing between two:
As we discussed, if you look at two candidates with the exact same qualifications and one can offer a different perspective to the position because of their gender, racial, ethnic, regional and / or issues background, we would most likely favor the individual who can provide a different perspective because of that diversity.

And again, with that in mind, we have reached out to members of the African-American community for assistance in hiring – whether for administration positions or Boards and Commissions. In fact, as one example, last week we called the Reverend Doctor William Greene to ask for his assistance in providing input for the Governor's potential 1100 appointees to various Boards and Commissions. Three months into office, she has appointed 44 individuals – and there are plenty of opportunities.

Looking at her immediate cabinet members, four of the fourteen are minorities. A fifth was an Acting Director of DNR, there may be others, but we haven't polled them to see. The Governor just chose the most qualified applicants and they are what they are. I will poll for you – and see what kind of responses I receive.

Additionally, in the Governor's immediate office, you can add others like Karen Rehfeld as OMB Director, four female Regional Directors from Fairbanks to Wasilla, Anchorage, and Kenai, Sharon Leighow as Deputy Communications Director / Deputy Press Secretary, and Meghan Stapleton (me) as the Communications Director / Press Secretary. I could go on...

I'm researching your other questions, including the titles and job descriptions of the two positions eliminated as well as total positions eliminated.

Thanks for your time,
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Cc: Easton; Dan; Kent; Lynn; Hay; Linda

Subject: RE: cruise ships

Governor,

DEC anticipates contracting for most of the Ocean Rangers services rather than having DEC employees perform these tasks. We are in the process of preparing a draft RFP.

Although we cannot share the draft RFP with sponsors of the Cruise Ship initiative in advance of issuance (since at least one of the sponsors may be involved in making a proposal), we plan to discuss the scope of the requested services with them to confirm we are meeting the intent of the initiative. The scope of work will include having Ocean Rangers on board large cruise ships while they are underway in Alaska waters.

We expect to finalize the RFP and put it out within two to three weeks. DEC has previously had our contractor (Mike Conway, retired Coast Guard and former DEC director) prepare a report (posted on DEC's website) that identifies the qualifications of the Ocean Rangers specified in the initiative, their availability, scheduling, and additional training they will need to fulfill their duties.

We anticipate it will take the first cruise season to hire all of the Ocean Rangers, complete their training and have them on board all vessels. However, we plan to start the season (early May) with DEC and term contractor personnel on board some of the cruise ships. They will not be Ocean Rangers, but they will be developing the checklists, duty descriptions, procedures and other necessary elements of the Ocean Rangers' tasks. This effort will be subject to necessary appropriations and the cooperation of the cruise ship companies. Please note that we currently do not have any appropriation for the Ocean Ranger program. The House Finance Committee zeroed out our FY 08 Ocean Ranger increment and may include intent language that monies for the program be included in the fiscal note for HB 164, the bill that would modify the initiative.

Our goal is to implement the legal requirements of the Ocean Ranger program to the very best of our ability. The initiative, as it is written, sets out the legal requirements. If the initiative is modified by the legislature, then we will follow those legal requirements. DEC is not trying to change the law or interpret it in anyway inconsistent with the intent of the voters.

I look forward to discussing this further with you tomorrow.

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FYI - I have a call in to Larry Hartig to ask for update on cruise ship initiative that calls for Ocean Rangers... Where are we on getting out an RFP for the service that's to be provided, or how are we going to implement the off-shore monitoring requirement.

We're not to thwart the will of the people as they've voted for this program, though some

legislators are evidently already trying to change aspects of the initiative. I support the voters' mandate.

We can talk about it tomorrow in cabinet meeting.

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Subject: DOR article

This was on the home page of Fox News.

http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,259842,00.html

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Subject: Natural Gas OPEC?

This substantiates the argument the Governor has been making about starting down the road to heavy reliance on natural gas imports. Just as for oil, one can only imagine the price and supply implications associated with an OPEC for natural gas.

Russia, Iran, Qatar to Discuss Gas OPEC, Attiyah Says (Update1)

By Glen Carey

March 19 (Bloomberg) -- Russia, Iran and Qatar, holders of the world's top-three natural-gas reserves, will meet next month to consider establishing a group similar to OPEC to coordinate gas policy, Qatar's energy minister said.

``We will meet at the gas forum on April 9 in Doha,'' the minister, Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah, said today in a phone interview from Doha. He said he would wait for the results of the Doha meeting before deciding whether it would be in Qatar's interest to coordinate its gas policy with a group of countries.

The three countries will be joined by Algeria and Venezuela at the Doha meeting, Al-Attiyah said.

The Moscow-based newspaper Kommersant reported today that five of the world's biggest gas suppliers may create a gas equivalent to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries next month, citing unidentified Arab diplomats. Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, is the driving force behind the ``gas OPEC'' and wants the new group to set gas transactions in euros, the newspaper reported.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said last month the idea of a gas OPEC was ``a good proposition.'' Russia holds the largest gas reserves in the world.

Al-Attiyah said on Feb. 5 Qatar opposed Russian and Iranian proposals for an OPEC-style group to manage gas pricing and supplies, saying gas was contractually different from crude oil.

Qatar, the world's largest shipper of natural gas, plans to produce 77 million tons a year by 2012 through 14 production trains. Six will produce 7.8 million tons a year each, making them twice the size of an average unit elsewhere.

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Governor, is it okay to just use our form for a letter of recommendation for this person? Kari.

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Kari,

Don Shiesl, former Public Works Director with Governor Palin would like to know if the governor would give him a character reference for a substitute teaching position in the Mat-Su School District. If a letter of recommendation could be written he greatly appreciates that. His phone number is 907-376-1462.

Thanks,

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